

Theresa Utton-Jerman

Subject: Vermonters feeding Vermonters initiative

I am writing in support of the \$500,000 in the state budget to continue the program of Vermonters Feeding Vermonters.

My name is David Marchant and co-owner operator of River Berry Farm. We grow 60 acres of certified organic vegetables and Fruits. We have been able to sell large quantities of Green Peppers and Cabbage to the Vermont Foodbank over the last several years. It has helped our farm in knowing we have set contracts for some of our produce. Additionally it is nice to know some of our produce is going to families here in Vermont. While we typically donate 10 to 15,000 lbs of produce seconds to the food bank each year, it has to be more more valuable for the Foodbank to know they are getting high quality produce that they can plan on.

Thank you for your time.

David Marchant